

Review of Romulus

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TOWN POSITIONS

- Supervisor: Raymond Zajac
 - Secretary/Bookkeeper:
Angel Lawrence
 - Councilman:
Robert Gerlach
David Kaiser
S. William Ritchie
Ralph Walborn, Jr.
 - Town Clerk/Registrar:
Terry Smith
 - Planning Board:
Walt Mittermeyer
Barry Roach
Dave Hayes
MaryJane Thomas
Daniel Brodnicki
Barbara McCall
Thomas Bouchard
 - Zoning Board:
Joella Rand
Richard Worrell
Helen Mittermeyer
 - Zoning Officer: Lee Hoaglan
 - Highway Superintendent
James Williamson
 - Justice: Kathleen Greule
 - Court Clerk: Terri Sandifur
 - Assessor: Anne Morgan
 - Tax Collector: Betty Wyckoff
 - Dog Control: Aaron Covert
 - Water/Sewer: Jack Holley
 - Fire Dept. Chiefs:
Romulus—Jim Hinman
Ovid—Bill Palmer
 - Town Attorney: James Gabriel
 - Historian: Sarah Dawley
 - Deputy Town Clerk/Registrars:
Angel Lawrence
Mary Farnsworth
Beatrice Licak
Romulus Town Hall
PO Box 177, Willard, NY 14588
Phone: 607-869-9326
- Email: Romulus@rochester.rr.com

Mark Your Calendars!! First Annual Flea Market & Craft Sale At the Hernon Park in Willard September 6th & 7th

Lenny Church, Sr. is putting together a first annual flea market and craft sale to benefit the Hernon Park. Vendor applications to reserve a 10-foot area can be obtained from Lenny Church or at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard. The area reservation fees will go to benefit Hernon Park. One day for a ten-foot area will cost \$10.00 and if you choose to set up your booth for two days, the second day is only \$5.00. Any vendors that arrive with trailers, must have self-contained trailers. You will be given a lot number which will indicate the location of your rented area. To obtain an application, please contact one of the following or mail your request to:

Town of Romulus
P.O. Box 177
Willard, New York 14588
(607) 869-9326
OR
Lenny Church
P.O. Box 424
Ovid, New York 14521
(607) 869-5690

Water & Sewer Rates The Never Ending Struggle to Lower Costs

We have been working diligently to find some means of lowering costs. Last year we reviewed the water rates and made the adjustments to cover costs. This year we are reviewing the sewer rates and will be approaching the boards for their approval for a sewer rate decrease. The contracts have remained at a low cost to the residents. The plants are operating well with little maintenance issues. Therefore, when expenses are lower and a surplus has been established, we can then pass the savings onto the residents. The increase to our population is also a factor in enabling us to lower the sewer rate. The more residents that contribute to the cost, the more we can lower the costs. If this is approved by the boards this is a decrease that will effect only the in district users, at this time. We anticipate this to take effect in your October billing, providing approval is granted.

CHASING THE NUMBERS CENSUS UPDATE

Senator Schumer's Office has written a letter to the census bureau in an effort to aid us in our quest for the proper count for the Town of Romulus. This count if increased to the number it should be would provide our town with additional aid and give us more weighed votes on the county level. We were quoted a price of \$35,353.00 for the census bureau to perform a recount. Obviously, that number is more than our tax payers can afford. Therefore, we hope that with the help of our legislatures we can reach this goal without any cost to our residents.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PARK

Since the last newsletter, the park has five new grills for family picnicking. These grills were built by Tracy Lane. The Highway Dept. and the WDTC work crews have worked together to install the grills, maintain the lawns and install the new signs that you see displayed at the park. The rules sign was built by the vocational department at the Willard Drug Treatment Campus. Once again, our neighbors have aided our park again this year. We have just received four new pieces of equipment, which we hope to have installed by the end of summer. There is going to be a set of monkey bars, dome climber, merry-go-round spinner and a tether ball pole. We were also fortunate enough to be given a grant for blacktopping HERNON PARK DRIVE. Assemblyman, Brian Kolb was a strong advocate in obtaining the grant for this project. Jim MacCheyne and his crew will be starting the black-top work in the near future. Unfortunately, all the rain has made for slower progress in all areas with the park. The park is always looking for committee members. All interested individuals should stop by and attend one of our meetings which are held at the Romulus Town Hall in Willard every last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**EMERGENCY PHONE #'S
FOR AFTER TOWN OFFICE HOURS
ONLY**

DURING TOWN HALL HOURS PLEASE
CALL 607-869-9326

AFTER HOURS:

Water Problems: Office: 869-9697
Cell Phones:

Jack Holley 592-7176
Robert Stapleton 592-7175
Delbert Zuller 592-7174

Sewer Problems: Office 869-5704

Dog Control: Aaron Covert 869-5364
Pager# 1-800-836-2337 Code 40710
then put in your phone #

Highway Issues: Office: 869-9578

James Williamson: Home: 869-9390
Cell Phone: 315-729-0866

Zoning: Lee Hoaglan 607-592-4966

If none of the above can be reached:

Angel Lawrence:

Home: 607-869-9570 Cell: 607-275-6891

Mary Farnsworth: Home: 315-585-6064

Raymond Zajac: Home: 607-869-5075

**May want to clip and save this listing

SAMPSON STATE PARK

Park hours: 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. daily
Swimming: 11:15 a.m.-6:45 p.m. daily
Museum: 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wed.
thru Sun. until Labor Day; After until
Oct. 13th weekends only

Reservations for campsites:
1-800-456-CAMP or Reserve online at:
www.reserveamerica.com

**Sampson Accepts Transient Boat
Slip Applications:**

Tuesday, April 1st Picnic Shelter Ap-
plication may be made 11 months in ad-
vance of the reservation date.

Boat Slips and Picnic Shelter:
Call the Park Office (315)585-6392

**SPECIAL PARK EVENTS FOR 2003
AT SAMPSON STATE PARK:**

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| Balloon Festival | Aug. 23rd |
| AirForce Reunion | Sept. 4th—7th |
| Navy Reunion | Sept. 9th—11th |
| Dog Show | Sept. 25th—28th |

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ABOUT ZONING LAWS**

Q: Do I need a permit for a fence?
A: No Permit is required for fencing.
Fences can be placed on the property
line, but must be setback from road
right-of-ways.
Q: Do I need a permit for a manufac-
tured storage shed?
A: If the shed is larger than 140 square
feet of floor space, a permit is required.
Hamlet residents need to have their
water/sewer lines located before any
storage shed is put in place.
Q: What is a variance?
A: A variance is a reprieve from the
zoning law granted by the zoning board
of appeals. The reprieve is on case by
case basis. There are two types of
variances. An area variance which
deals with limited set backs and a use
variance, which deals with the use of
property. Ie...Business in the hamlet
which is residential area.

If you are considering a construction
project, starting a home business or
have questions regarding the Zoning
Law, please call Lee Hoaglan, Zoning
Enforcement Officer at 607-592-4966
or 607-869-9326.

**Lenny's
Chicken Bar-B-Q's
can be found at the following places:**

August 23rd : Balloon Festival at
Sampson State Park from 11:00—3:00

September 6th: Flea Market & Craft
Sale at Herson Park from 11:00—3:00

**Bar-B-Q Chicken, Salt
potatoes, coleslaw
roll & butter**

OVID TRANSFER STATION

****PLEASE NOTE** Transfer Station
Tags for the Town of Ovid can be pur-
chased at Romulus Town Hall in
Willard.
Transfer Station open Wednesdays
and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00
p.m.

HERE COMES THE JUDGE

Just a short update on judicial happenings...
The court has applied for a grant through
the Office of Court Administration to
update its office equipment. Notification is
expected in October. We were successful
two years ago with a similar grant. This will
supplement our budget and replace a
printer, copier and a fax, which are nearing
their life expectancy.
Activity has been substantial. 2002 showed
an overall increase of 15% of all cases with
the most substantial increase being in small
claims hearings-68%. Many of these were
part of eviction hearings. Draw your own
conclusions...it appears the stability of the
population has changed over the last couple
of years.
As of May the State has once again raised
the fines on vehicle and traffic infractions.
Surcharges on all offenses also will increase
in November.

Judge Kathleen Greule

TOWN CLERK NEWS

HUNTING & FISHING:

Hunting licenses go on sale **August 18th!!!**

Fishing licenses for the next season start
October 1, 2003.

Deer Management Permits must be applied
for by **October 1, 2003.** This is no longer
done through the mail. The town clerk can
issue these at the same time you obtain your
hunting license.

Lifetime licenses can be purchased from the
town clerk's office. This is no longer being
done through the mail.

****Please see back page of this newsletter
for a resident price listing of all hunting
and fishing licenses, which can be issued
by the Town Clerk.**

OTHER SERVICES:

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| Marriage Licenses..... | \$30.00 |
| Dog Licenses.....spayed/neutered... | \$ 5.00 |
| not spayed or neutered..... | \$13.00 |
| Lost dog tag..... | \$ 1.50 |
| Birth/Death Certificates..... | \$10.00 |
| Geneology Purposes.....Price based on | years back for research |
| Zoning Permits..... | \$25.00 |
| Faxing per page.....residents... | \$.75 |
|non-residents..... | \$ 2.00 |

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes Awarded Grant to Help People who are Hungry in Seneca County

Geneva, N.Y.—**Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes** has been awarded grant by the Nutrition Consortium of New York State, Inc. to conduct outreach in Seneca County. The goal of this program is to increase awareness of and participation in the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Stamp Program. The Consortium, formed in 1985, is a statewide, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing problems of hunger. The Food Stamp Program is our nation’s primary defense against hunger, designed to provide support to families, working adults, senior citizens and the unemployed. Full use of this program will significantly reduce the incidence of hunger. This grant will allow **Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes** to assist enrollment by providing information regarding guidelines, prescreening services and reducing barriers to participation. Seneca County residents can receive additional information by contacting Ginny Skinner, Program Coordinator, at 1-877-777-2686 ext. 334.

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS!

Finally, after such a long winter, we’ve been able to proceed with this years plans for improvements. The 911 Emergency signs have all been installed. The Blaine Road has been paved from beginning to end. The Yarnell Road has been finished and currently we are working on fixing the shoulders. We’ve cleaned up debris and cut back trees from storm damage. Its been a busy summer on the days that the rain decides to take a break!

Next year our goal is to pave the Swick Road. We will be attempting to obtain grant money again this year to reconstruct the streets in Willard, with any luck.

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS:

UPDATE 2004:

The towns of Covert, Lodi, Ovid, Romulus and Varick have joined other towns in Seneca County to update the assessments in each town. The last update was completed for the 2001 roll. The current equalization rate of 92% reflects the fact that assessments in our towns need to be updated.

The work is being done as before, by the assessor and staff, with assistance from New York State Office of Real Property Services and Real Property Tax Services of Seneca County.

The values will be sent to taxpayers in January, February and hearings will be held by appointment to discuss the new values. The first time the values will be used for tax purposes will be school bill in September 2004.

EXEMPTIONS:

STAR renewals and Senior Citizens Exemption forms will be mailed as usual in December 2003 for people 65 and over who received the exemption in 2003; agricultural forms will also be mailed for renewal. **REMEMBER** all exemptions must be filed with the assessor on or before **MARCH 1, 2004!**

Please do not hesitate to call the office at (607) 869-9689 with questions or concerns.

Anne M. Morgan, Assessor

SUPERVISOR’S SUMMARY

Most of the Town of Romulus Board Members attended a road trip to evaluate Skaneateles’ Transfer Station process. The residents have shown a desire to re-open the transfer station located on the Log City Road, therefore, we are investigating the cost factor involved along with the most efficient way to manage the operations of a transfer station. We will continue to review all avenues with regards to a transfer station. Another issue that has kept this office busy is the redevelopment of the former Seneca Army Depot. The newest arrival is the New York State Police now have offices located off Route 96A on the depot. On the date of July 19th a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in honor of the Fire Training Facility that has most recently been erected on the depot. We continue to work on means of lowering costs. However, your suggestions are always welcome. Do not hesitate to write, call or stop by with your thoughts.

DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL

To the left of the double doors at the town hall is a drop box for those who can’t get here during office hours.

COPIER SERVICES:

A copier for the public can be found in the main entrance of the Town Hall. This copier is set up as a vending machine. The cost is .20 cents per copy

HANDICAP PERMITS

Handicap permits and applications can be obtained from the town hall. You are allowed two hanging permits, but only if you do not already have the handicap license plates. There is no charge for handicap permits. Permits must be obtained from the town you are a resident in. The exception to this is when a town does not issue permits a non-resident of Romulus can come here with a letter from their town clerk stating they don’t issue them and then we can issue them a permit.

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR TOWN????

We are seeking to fill two Zoning Board Member positions. All interested individuals should submit their letter of interest to:
Romulus Town Hall
P.O. Box 177
Willard, New York 14588.
If you would like further information, please call your town hall offices at:
607-869-9326.

NEW DOG CONTROL OFFICER: AARON COVERT

Aaron can be reached at 607-869-5364 or you can call his pager at 1-800-836-2337 then put in the code: 40710 and then put in your phone number so he can return your call. You can obtain a copy of the Dog Control Ordinance from the town hall.

TOWN OF ROMULUS

P.O. Box 177
Willard, New York 14588

Phone: 607-869-9326 Fax: 607-869-5763

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday
7:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Fridays from 7:30 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

**If you need after hours appointment, please contact us and we will accommodate you.

Other Available Services:

Photo Copies, Faxes, Notarizing, Tourism Brochures, Hunting & Fishing Licenses, Marriage Licenses, Water Testing, Transfer Stations Tags and Recycling Bins. Handicap Permits & Dog Licensing for Town of Romulus Residents only.

Email us:

Romulus@rochester.rr.com

Anyone for a game of BINGO??

Every Tuesday night starting at 6:45 p.m. at the Romulus Volunteer Fire House

Every Thursday night starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ovid VFW

MEETING DATES:

Town Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Zoning Board Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Heron Park Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

NOTARY PUBLICS

The Town Hall has an additional Notary Public. In addition, to being able to obtain this service from Angel Lawrence and Kathleen Greule, now you can also receive this service from Mary Farnsworth. There is no charge for this service. Identification must still be provided.

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POSTAL CUSTOMERS

PRICE LISTING FOR HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

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| One-day fishing..... | 15.00 | Hunting (Small game)..... | \$16.00 |
| Seven-day fishing..... | 12.00 | Small & Big Game..... | \$19.00 |
| Senior/Mil Dis. Fishing... | 5.00 | Senior/Mil.Dis Sportsman.. | \$ 5.00 |
| Fishing-Season..... | 19.00 | Sportsman (small and big game and fishing..... | \$37.00 |
| Super Sportsman-includes game, fishing, bow-hunting, muzzleloading & turkey.. | 68.00 | Bowhunting..... | \$16.00 |
| Turkey Permit..... | 5.00 | Muzzleloading..... | \$16.00 |
| Jr. Trapping..... | 6.00 | Trapping..... | \$16.00 |
| Jr. Archery..... | 9.00 | Jr. Small Game..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Conservation Patron..... | 12.00 | Habitat Stamp..... | \$ 5.00 |

UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

Election registration forms can be obtained from the Romulus Town Hall in Willard. If you can't stop by during our regular hours, please call us and we will forward the registration form onto you by mail. It is so easy to register to vote and its your right as a resident of this county to voice your opinion through your vote. Simply fill out the form, remove the peel back so the envelope can seal and drop it in the mail. In order to be eligible to vote this year, **your registration must be received by the Seneca County Board of Elections by August 19th.** If you can't make this deadline, please still submit your registration so that you can exercise your rights in the next election.

**Important Dates: Primary Voting is September 9th from Noon till 9:00 p.m.
Election Voting is November 4th from 6:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m.**

******All voting is done at your town hall in Willard******.

While you are here, pick up some brochures on display and see all our area has to offer. Voting is a great time to visit with the neighbors, have a cup of coffee and some goodies! If you are in need of transportation, please contact Town Hall and arrangements will be made to accommodate you and bring you to the polls.